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CCC CREWS WORKING IN SIMI VALLEY, FILLMORE ON FIRE RECOVERY WORK

The California Conservation Corps has dispatched four CCC crews -- 50 corpsmembers -- to the cities of Simi Valley and Fillmore this week to tackle fire recovery work.

The corpsmembers will be doing sandbagging and debris removal at various locations impacted by the Piru Fire and the Simi Fire, to help with erosion control and protection of the burned areas in advance of winter rains.

The CCC crews, based in Camarillo, had previously provided logistical support on both fire camps at the end of October.

The California Conservation Corps is a state agency hiring young men and women, 18 to 23, for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. In addition to their firefighting and fire rehabilitation work, the CCC has devoted thousands of hours to earthquake recovery efforts over the years, sending crews to Fillmore following the 1994 Northridge quake.

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